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Mr. Herman Kahn
Director, Hudson Institute
Quaker Ridge Road
Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520

Dear Herman:

I am unable to accept your kind invitation for the 4th of May. Your distinguished panel members offer the prospects for a very lively discussion. You have my best wishes for a successful program.

Sincerely,



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George Bush
Director

I must be here that day.
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Remarks:

C: In view of your prior correspondence with the DCI concerning the Hudson Institute, would you please prepare a coordinated response for his signature.

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April 9, 1976

Mr. George Bush
Director, Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

I am writing to invite you to attend a meeting in the Caspary Auditorium of The Rockefeller University (66th Street and York Avenue) on May 4th from 2 to 6 p.m.

The purpose of our meeting is to discuss the findings explicated in Hudson Institute's new book, The Next 200 Years, which will be published on May 3rd. Further, the program which the Institute hopes to carry through in the next several years to clarify these issues will be addressed.

This is the first in a series of such meetings, and we believe it is extremely important to have a good representation from those who are influential and interested in the public debate and education on the issues under discussion. (See the enclosed summary sheet.)

It would be a special pleasure for me to see you again and I would be delighted if you could attend our meeting.

Best regards,

Herman Kahn
Director

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Enclosures: Summary Sheet
Program

SUMMARY
HUDSON INSTITUTE PROSPECTS FOR MANKIND PROGRAM

- I. The crucial issue in the current debate on the future of the economy, society and government is the question of the limits to growth and development.
 - A. Current fashion in the national media, major universities and liberal upper class generally, is to view the world as a "fixed pie" whose resources are rapidly being consumed--particularly by richer nations. This view portends a bleak and disastrous future, and/or a dramatic revolutionary change.
 - B. We believe this syndrome misreads current realities and future prospects. The results of the first phase of our study, to be published in The Next 200 Years, conclude that continued economic growth is possible and desirable; that population is leveling off, that resource scarcity is greatly exaggerated, that famine and pollution can be brought under control, and that high standards of living will result from affluence, urbanization and literacy.
- II. Hudson Institute proposes the following extension of the Program:
 - A. One-day meeting to launch publication of The Next 200 Years, and announce plans for the next phase of the Prospects for Mankind Program (May 4, 1976).
 - B. During 1976, three conferences of experts on the "hard" issues of the current limits-to-growth debate: population and income; food, energy and resources; and near- and long-term environmental issues. Each three-day conference will critique, revise, and further develop Hudson's studies, and will result in a definitive book on each issue.
 - C. During 1977, a major conference of three to five days to discuss and debate the results of previous conferences and publications, to be attended by leading world authorities.
 - D. Further planning for 1977 toward a series of conferences of experts to debate in greater depth, and a long-term context, 12 subject areas covering hard and soft issues, to produce books and other publications.
- III. The American Bicentennial provides a unique opportunity to focus attention on these issues in a useful and dramatic way. The overriding purpose of this program is to turn around prevailing trends of defeatism in this country and put America back on the high road of achievement through economic and technological growth. The result will be a surge of positive creativity based upon the reaffirmation of traditional American values.

HUDSON INSTITUTE

PROSPECTS FOR MANKIND PROGRAM

MAY 4, 1976 MEETING

Caspary Auditorium
The Rockefeller University
66th Street and York Avenue
New York City

PROGRAM

2:00 - 2:45 OUTLINE OF THE ISSUES

Herman Kahn Director, Hudson Institute

2:45 - 4:00 PANEL: FEASIBILITY (AND IMPLICATIONS)

Harold E. Goeller **Senior Engineer**
Oak Ridge National Laboratory

William W. Kellogg Director
Laboratory of Atmospheric Science
National Center for Atmospheric Research

Eugene P. Wigner **Professor Emeritus**
Princeton University

PANEL: IMPLICATIONS (AND FEASIBILITY)

*Eric Hoffer Author

Max Lerner Author

Leo Rosten Author

Adam Yarmolinsky **Ralph Waldo Emerson Professor**
University of Massachusetts

5:15 - 5:30 RECAPITULATION

Herman Kahn

5:30

COCKTAILS